

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

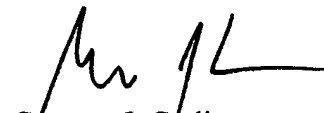
A final Office Action in the above-listed patent application was sent on August 3, 2004. In the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 15-17 were allowed. Claims 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,332,064 to Foust ("Foust"). Claims 10 and 11 were rejected a second time under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Foust and U.S. Patent No. 6,434,804 to Cornet et al. ("Cornet").

In response to a telephone interview with the Examiner on October 28, 2004, Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to describe the corrugations in the elongate flexible members as extending approximately outwards from a plane defined by the rectangular frame. The Examiner indicated a belief during the telephone interview that neither Foust, nor Cornet, nor the remaining cited references, alone and in combination, teach or suggest the invention now described by Claims 10-14. As per the Examiner's request, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith to afford the Examiner an opportunity to examine the amended claims.

In view of the remarks and amendments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued in due course. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

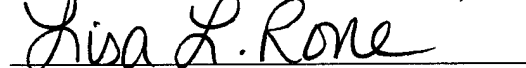


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